

Why a Christian Can Have Assurance



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1 – We are privileged to have been called:

Genesis 3:9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, ‘Where art thou?’.

Isaiah 43:1 But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob*, and he that formed thee, O Israel*, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. (*As a child of God it is legitimate to insert your name here.)

Matthew 18:2 And Jesus called a little child unto him.

Matthew 15:32 Then Jesus called his disciples unto him

Matthew 15:10 And [Jesus] called the multitude

Matthew 9:13; Mark 2:17; Luke 5:32 [Jesus] came to call... sinners to repentance.

2 – We are privileged to have the assurance of our election:

Psalms 4:3 But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

1 Thessalonians 1:4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

3 – We are privileged to have the assurance of our redemption:

Job 19:25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

4 – We are privileged to have the assurance of our adoption:

Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is.

5 – We are privileged to have the assurance of our salvation:

Isaiah 12:2 Behold, God is my salvation I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song he also is become my salvation.

6 – We are privileged to have the assurance of eternal life:

1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

7 – We are privileged to have the assurance of the inseparable love of God:
Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

8 – We are privileged to have the assurance of union with God and Christ:
1 Corinthians 6:15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.
2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?
Ephesians 5:30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.
1 John 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.
1 John 4:13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

9 – We are privileged to have the assurance of peace with God through Christ:
Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

10 – We are privileged to have the assurance of our preservation:
Psalm 3:6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about.
Psalm 8:1-9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!
Psalm 27:3-5 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after that I may dwell in the house of the

LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me he shall set me up upon a rock.

Psalm 46:1-3 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

11 – We are privileged to have the assurance of answers to prayer:

1 John 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

1 John 5:14-15 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

12 – We are privileged to have the assurance of comfort in affliction:

Psalm 73:26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

2 Corinthians 4:8-10 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed we are perplexed, but not in despair Persecuted, but not forsaken cast down, but not destroyed Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 For which cause we faint not but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal but the things which are not seen are eternal.

13 – We are privileged to have the assurance of continuance in grace:

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

14 – We are privileged to have the assurance of support in the time of death:

Psalm 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

15 – We are privileged to have the assurance of a glorious resurrection:

Job 19:26 And though after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God

Psalms 17:15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

Philippians 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

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16 – We are privileged to have the assurance of a kingdom:

Hebrews 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Revelation 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

17 – We are privileged to have the assurance of a crown:

2 Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

18 – We are privileged to have the assurance of a reward for faithfulness to Him:
James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

2 Peter 1:10-11 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 3:14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end.

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